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Power Project in Bihar
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any meetings were held between the Union and the States particularly Bihar for clearance of new and pending power projects and payment of outstanding dues;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether proposals have been received from the States particularly Bihar setting up power plants, mega power projects, coal linkage, share in power plants, setting up of super grids renovating of old plants etc., if so, the details thereof and response of the Government thereto; and

(d) the steps taken thereon and the funds allocated, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b) : A meeting regarding Dagmara Hydro Project of 130 MW in Bihar was held between the States and the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) on 20.03.2013. However, the concurrence could not be accorded due to high cost estimates and tariff. There is no other pending proposal for Hydro Project from Bihar.

The issue of pending outstanding dues of Central Generating Companies with States and UTs is raised from time to time at various meetings by Ministry of Power such as monthly review Planning & Monitoring (RPM) Meetings and Power Ministers' Conference.

(c) & (d) : As per Section 7 of the Electricity Act 2003, any generating company may establish, operate and maintain a generating station without obtaining a license/permission under this Act, if it complies with the technical standards relating to connectivity with the grid. Accordingly, sanction of the Government is not required for setting up of thermal power projects (TPP). However, for setting up of Hydroelectric Power Projects, the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) are required to be submitted for concurrence of the CEA. Details of TPPs proposed to be set up in the country including Bihar by various State Govts./ JV with State Govt. are given at Annex-I.

DPRs of 09 Hydro Electric Projects, with an aggregate installed capacity of 6,414 MW including Bihar, are with various appraising group of Central Electricity Authority (CEA)/Central Water Commission (CWC)/Central Soil and Materials Research Station (CSMRS). Details are given at Annex-II.

Applications received for approval of Bridge linkage to thermal power plants including TPP's in Bihar are given at Annex-III. No proposal for renovation of TPPs has been received in the CEA.

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